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Fire Department responds to blaze on base

By **J02 Mike Jones**

Assistant Editor

At approximately 1:28 p.m. April 14, members of Naval Air Station Jacksonville Fire Department responded to a fire in Bldg. 873. Only two minutes after a 911 call was placed, fire and hazardous materials response vehicles arrived on scene. Three hours later, the teams had the fire contained. No one was injured in the blaze. An investigation is currently underway to determine the cause of the fire.

"When we arrived on the scene, the eastern side of the building was showing heavy black smoke rolling out," said NAS Jacksonville Fire Chief Paul Stewart. "I happened to already be on base, so I went out to my vehicle, and when I came around to the intersection, I saw the heavy smoke. I then began giving directions - calling for our crash

crews to respond."

Because the fire occurred very close to the St. Johns River, environmental concerns regarding the extinguishing agents were considered. "(The extinguishing foam) is a contaminant and it could cause some problems should it go into the river," said Frank Sigona, spill response manager, NAS Facilities Department, Environmental Division. "The teams quickly blocked off the storm drains before proceeding to extinguish the fire. We also had the oil boom and the absorbing boom placed in the water."

"All the spill response teams did a good job. They all reacted quickly and ensured no contaminants got into the river," Sigona said.

With the storm drains secured, the teams quickly turned their attention to the burning building. Due to the building's design, containing and extin-

guishing the fire initially proved challenging, Stewart said. "Once the roof collapsed in on it, it created voids that we couldn't get to quickly. It created a lot of problems for us at first." However, Stewart said previous training prepared the teams for such challenges. "We've held numerous training evolutions on that structure - we're always in training, preparing for this type of event."

To ensure the fire was extinguished quickly, Stewart said the approximately 50 firefighters on scene worked in rotating shifts. "After a couple of hours on a fire scene, the adrenaline rush depletes itself. On an extended process such as this, your folks could begin to lose the mental capacity and physical strength needed to maintain. However, we managed to keep a rotating process to keep these folks refreshed. After giving them some time

to recoup, they were able to go right back into the scene and continue fighting the fire."

Once the fire was contained, a watch was set to ensure a reflash wouldn't occur, Stewart said. "We established reflash watches throughout the night and those carried on until early Sunday morning," he said. "Periodically after that, we returned to the scene to review the situation and eliminate any small spot fires that occurred." Stewart said the fire department remained on alert for any future outbreaks.

Stewart attributed the success of the response to the professionalism of all the team members. "We had a lot of folks out there who were prepared and knew how to respond. None of our personnel suffered any injuries. The hard effort of the troops and the dedicated professionalism of these folks is outstanding."



Velasco and Morgan save the day by extinguishing a rear compartment blaze.

Fire, Fire, Fire! NAS Key West firefighters train here

Story and photo by
J02 (SCW) Eric Clay
Staff writer

NAS Jacksonville's fire department provided some valuable training to two visiting firefighters April 3 and 4. NAS Key West firefighters Randal A. Velasco and Steve Morgan, alongside several NAS Jacksonville firefighters, helped battle a simulated aircraft fire on the NAS Jax flightline.

The Mobile Aircraft Fire fighting Training Device (MAFTD) was used for this exercise. The MAFTD is a self-contained transportable device configured to simulate live fires on fixed and rotary winged aircraft by burning propane. It is 45 feet long, 8 feet 5 inches wide and 11 feet 6

inches in height. The cost of the MAFTD is \$459,000. The MAFTD incorporates manually moveable wings, multiple entrances/exits, and sacrificial cut out panels to simulate forcible entry of different types of aircraft.

The induced stress created by the MAFTD has proven to be an excellent tool for highlighting the strength and weakness in communications, teamwork, situational awareness, tactics, physical conditioning, familiarity with

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Meet a Sailor... Bonifacio Bucio Pike



Job Title: NAS Jax executive department, leading Petty Officer

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL.

Past Duty Stations: VP-5, VS-22, VS-31, VS-27

Family Life: married for 8 yrs to Jennifer-lynn Pike; two horses, 1 dog and 12 birds

Career Plans: complete 20 years, bachelors in computer systems, and further education while in service

Most Interesting Experience: Getting promoted to second class and experiencing the added respect, trust, and responsibility

Words of Wisdom: "Try to get as much education as you can while you are in the military. In the outside world, education equals money."

Meet a Civilian... Daryll R. Thorpe, Jr.



Job Title: Athletic Fitness Aide

Hometown: Portsmouth, Va.

Family Life: Father Daryll Sr., mother Trina, brother Derek and grandmother Carolyn

Career Plans: Graduate from Edward Waters College

Most Interesting Experience: Working at the Fitness Source

Welcome Center set to open

By Jeff Hilton
Staff Writer

Plans to consolidate check-in procedures for Sailors and civilians at this Master Anti-Submarine Warfare Base will culminate with a new Welcome Center opening Monday, April 23 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 590.

The opening of the center will be one of the last functions for NAS Commanding Officer Capt. Stephen Turcotte before he is relieved by Capt. Mark Boensel Thursday, April 26 at 11 a.m. in Hangar 117.

Sailors and civilian employees with orders to any NAS department or tenant command will be able to call from the main gate and be shuttled to a facility designed to provide one-stop check-in service before they report to their new unit.

Common arrival functions including: Officer-of-the-Day reporting, obtaining career counseling and retention advice, check-in urinalysis and station orientation will be available under the same roof. Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) also operates from another wing in 590 where new arrivals and any military family members they report with can learn about off-duty resources offered aboard NAS.

ITT, the leisure-travel arm of MWR, will also have information available.

Personnel actions like filing travel claims can be accomplished at Personnel Support Detachment just one block away. The Navy Exchange and commissary are less than two blocks away.

In addition to providing check-in related support, the retention and career counseling programs housed in the new facility will have space to hold indoctrination classes, something they did not have previously.

Sailors will also contact their detailers using computers linked to the Job Advertising and Selection System (JASS).

NAS Command Master Chief Chuck Lawson proposed the plan to Turcotte six months ago. "There will be no more Sailors with seabags walking down Yorktown (Avenue) looking for their

squadron," said Lawson.

The facility's staff will shuttle new arrivals to their gaining commands. Those reporting after working hours will be taken to billeting for the night and be picked up the next morning to continue their check-in.

Lawson likes having the bulk of check-in activities in the same building. Previously, new arrivals would have to check-in with the station Officer of the Day at the main gate, visit the Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) - formerly near the flight line and more than a mile from the gate, stop for check-in urinalysis - almost a mile from PSD, then talk with career counselors in Bldg. 1 or their tenant facilities.

The protracted process was not conducive to learning much about MWR programs. Vacationing retirees will also benefit since the center will provide station maps listing the RV campground and other services sought by travelers.


Lawson assigned BMC (SW) Larry Irizarry to oversee the renovation of Bldg. 590 spaces occupied by the Welcome Center.

While a portion of the work, which began in December, was contracted, Irizarry put Sailors from the Transient Personnel Unit to work along with some Sailors on limited duty to accomplish the bulk of the renovation.

As a Self-Help project designed to make limited funds go farther, these Sailors installed carpet and ceiling tiles, refinished desks and photo display boards, built cabinets, landscaped the entrance, painted spaces and refurbished items obtained from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. "We pretty much made it shipshape," said AW3 Matthew Taylor, who worked on the project.

The one-stop concept supports the care and feeding of Sailors in a 24-7 environment, one essential to fleet-wide retention initiatives presented at several All Hands calls during Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Norbert Ryan's recent visit to NAS.

Ryan said a key to improving retention rates, vital to maintaining fleet readiness, lies in finding ways to better care for Sailors.



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Luther relieves Urquhart as VS-24 'Scouts' Skipper

From VS-24 Public Affairs

Cmdr. Brian E. Luther relieved Cmdr. Michael C. Urquhart as Commanding Officer Sea Control Squadron (VS) 24 April 13 in Hangar 113. Capt. Stephen A. Turcotte, commanding officer, NAS Jacksonville, was guest speaker.

Urquhart, a native of Yakima, Wash., began his naval career as an enlisted recruit in 1974. He holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and received his commission from Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Fla. in 1983.

Following designation as a Naval Flight Officer, Urquhart reported to VS-41 for Fleet Replacement training in the S-3A Viking. In 1985, he reported to VS-32 and deployed to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea aboard USS America (CV-66).

In 1988, Urquhart reported to VS-27 as a Fleet Replacement instructor for the S-3A/B aircraft. In addition to his duties with VS-27, he served Commander, Sea Control Wing Atlantic as Tactical Development and Evaluation Officer for the east coast VS community. In 1991, Urquhart returned to VS-31 aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) deploying to the Persian Gulf and Red Sea. Following this tour, he completed JPME I education requirements at the Air Force Command and Staff College, Montgomery, Ala.

In 1993, Urquhart reported to VS-30 aboard USS Saratoga (CV-60). Urquhart served as the VS-30 Safety, Administration and Operations Officer as well as tactical supervisor for test and evaluation of a VS community prototype aircraft designed for future appli-

cation to joint theater operations.

In 1995, Urquhart reported to the Joint Staff, J-3 (Current Plans and Operations) where he conducted operational planning and served on Crisis Action Teams for operations within the Western Hemisphere. While on the Joint Staff, he completed JPME II education requirements at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. In 1998, Urquhart reported as VS-24's executive officer and assumed command of the "Scouts" in January 2000.

Urquhart is married to the former Linda Weathers of Sacramento, Calif. They reside in Orange Park, Fla. with their children Seana and Paul.

Luther was born in Lansing, Mich. in 1962. He entered the United States Navy in 1984 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps after receiving his bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Marquette University.

Following designation as a Naval Aviator in 1986, Luther reported to Sea Control Squadron 41 (VS-41) for S-3A Viking Fleet Replacement Training. In 1987, Luther reported to VS-22 and made two deployments aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), participating in operation Desert Shield. In 1990, Luther was assigned to the Joint Staff, J6K, Washington, D.C. where he served in the National Military Command Center during operation Desert Storm. Following his tour on the Joint Staff, Luther was assigned as a Tactical Air Analyst for the Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare Division (OP-74) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and completed his tour in Washington at the S-3 Class Desk, Naval Air Systems Command.

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personal protective gear and proficiency at operating equipment.

It has a simulated 500 lb. bomb and a simulated AIM-9 Sidewinder missile attached for authenticity. The MAFTD is stored and maintained at Naval Station Mayport.

Velasco, a firefighter with three years of experience behind him, says he enjoys his job. "Firefighting gives me a special feeling. Helping others makes feel good," he said.

He added that training opportunities such as the one he was in at NAS Jax is particularly valuable. "This is really good training," he said, "I'm really excited because I need it." He was also impressed with the NAS Jax Fire

Department's management of the evolution. "NAS Jax has a mission and they really are on top of things. I've been treated very well and the whole chain of command has been very hospitable," he said.

As far as the hospitality here Morgan said, "NAS Jax has been extremely courteous and helpful; they made us feel right at home."

About the training Morgan commented, "The training is really helpful and extremely important to my job specialty." He also said, "this helps the Key West firefighters get on track with DoD certification."

The instructors for this exercise were Bruce Grimes, Eddy Bell, Dennis Banister and Nelson Bruce. All are stationed at NavSta Mayport.

NMCRS Fund Drive brings in the dollars

The following totals represent the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive contributions pledged to the drive coordinators:

Command	Goal	Total	Percent
NAS Jacksonville	\$165,600	\$ 126,456	76.4
AIMD Jacksonville	\$13,200	\$6,996	53.0
ASTC Jax	\$400	\$471	117.8
B CO. 4th ABBN INSP	\$550	\$330	60.0
Blount Island Command	\$2,200	\$2,114	96.1
Branch Dental Clinic	\$900	\$425	47.2
CBU-410	\$800	\$1,568	196.0
ComHSWingLant	\$ 1,550	\$0	0.0
ComNavReg SE	\$900	\$2,541	282.3
ComPatRecWing Eleven	\$1,850	\$2,881	155.7
ComPatReconForLant	\$150	\$29	19.3
ComSeaConWingLant	\$ 2,100	\$2,879	137.1
DCMC Northrop Grumman	\$150	\$270	180.0
Defense Courier Sta	\$125	\$137	109.6
Defense Depot Jax	\$50	\$170	340.0
Disease Vector Ecology	\$250	\$830	332.0
FACSCFac Jax	\$ 2,200	\$2,577	117.1
FASOTraGruLant	\$1,200	\$680	85.0
FISC Jacksonville	\$350	\$ 898	256.6
HQ NavDenCen SE	\$300	\$483	161.0
HS-3	\$ 3,500	\$0	0.0
HS-5	\$ 3,500	\$816	23.0
HS-7	\$ 3,500	\$0	0.0
HS-11	\$ 3,500	\$3,580	102.3
HS-15	\$ 3,500	\$3,731	106.6
HS-75	\$ 2,050	\$990	48.3
MEPPS	\$100	\$122	122.0
MIUW Unit 207	\$150	\$ 95	63.3
NAMTraGru Det Jax	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,410	89.7
NAS Jacksonville	\$11,700	\$2,537	21.7
NATEC Det Jacksonville	\$50	\$0	0.0
NavAirRes Jacksonville	\$1,100	\$2,218	201.6
Navy-USMC Reserve Center	\$450	\$976	216.9
Naval Aviation Depot	\$600	\$0	0.0
Naval Drug Screen Lab	\$75	\$70	93.3
Naval Healthcare Supply	\$1,000	\$1,684	168.4
Naval Hospital Jax	\$18,900	\$20,777	109.9
NavComTelSta Jax	\$ 2,350	\$ 1,879	80.0
NavLantMetOcFac	\$1,100	\$ 2,456	223.3
Navy Band Southeast	\$850	\$1,083	127.4
NLSO Southeast	\$600	\$1,265	210.8
NMCB-14	\$100	\$0	0.0
NROTC Univ Of Florida	\$550	\$1,840	334.5
PSA Jax	\$275	\$632	229.8
PSD Jax	\$1,600	\$1,239	77.4
PWC NAS Jax - ROICC	\$125	\$10	8.0
RedCom Southeast	\$750	\$1,661	221.5
RVISC	\$200	\$218	109.0
SE Reg Cal Center	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,605	160.5
TPU	\$900	\$523	58.1
VP-5	\$ 7,400	\$9,981	134.9
VP-16	\$ 7,400	\$7,150	96.6
VP-30	\$20,850	\$11,126	53.4
VP-45	\$ 7,000	\$3,846	52.0
VP-62	\$ 2,850	\$1,855	65.1
VP-58	\$ 2,000	\$1,317	65.9
VS-22	\$ 4,200	\$0	0.0
VS-24	\$ 4,200	\$0	0.0
VS-30	\$ 4,200	\$5,173	123.2
VS-31	\$ 4,200	\$4,312	102.7
VS-32	\$ 4,200	\$0	0.0



AM2 Bracken J. Turpin, AD3 Walter R. Barros, AM3 John Irwin, Jr., AEAN John M. Wright, AT2 Scott A. Macilroy, AD3 Matthew B. Burcham.

'Dusty Dogs' earn awards

By Lt.j.g. Dom Pastorin
HS-7 PAO

The "Dusty Dogs" of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 7 recently lauded the work and professionalism of several sailors on the fo'c'sle of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) while underway. Cmdr. Andrew T. Macyko, HS-7 commanding officer, presented several awards including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation. The "Dusty Dogs" are more than halfway through the JTG 01-1 Deployment Cycle onboard Truman as an integral part of Carrier Air Wing Three.

The following HS-7 Sailors were recognized:

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

AO1 (AW) Eduardo B. Esquivias

Navy Good Conduct Medal

AT2 Scott A. Macilroy

AM2 Bracken J. Turpin

AD3 Walter R. Barros

AD3 Matthew B. Burcham

Sailor of the Month

AEAN John M. Wright

Plane Captain of the Month

AM3 John Irwin, Jr.

Supply enlisted roadshow coming

The Naval Supply Systems Command's Enlisted Community Manager will brief supply personnel May 2 - 3 as follows: 9 a.m. May 2 NAS Jacksonville BOQ Conference Room; 1 p.m. May 2 NavSta Mayport, Beach

Club; 9 a.m. May 3 NSB Kings Bay, Clubs of Kings Bay.

All Supply personnel are encouraged to attend. For information, call SKCM(SW) Allen Wright at 904-542-1211.

VP-45 visits Cedar Hills

By Lt. j.g. Chris Artis
VP-45 Assistant PAO

In a recent display of their faithful service to the local community, the "Pelicans" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 45 renewed their partnership with the students of Cedar Hills Elementary School in a Flag Raising Ceremony April 9. The event marked the fourth year VP-45 has committed itself to being a "partner in education" with Cedar Hills.

Several Pelican volunteers were on hand, led by VP-45 Executive Officer Cmdr. Brian Helmer, to interact with the students and participate in a variety of activities.

The day started with a flag raising ceremony, led by the Cedar Hills 5th grade Honor Guard. Students, faculty and the VP-45 volunteers sang our National Anthem and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kerwyn Neal, Cedar Hills principal, welcomed VP-45, and Helmer made a

few opening remarks. "This is an important and exciting day for both the students and our volunteers," explained Helmer. "The hands-on interaction with the kids combined with the role models of our squadron members make it a unique and impressionable learning experience for the children." Helmer expressed his gratitude for the special welcome put on by the staff and students of Cedar Hills. He closed by reiterating the squadron's enthusiasm at being able to work with the kids throughout the following months.

Following the opening ceremony, the

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Members of VP-45 pay a visit to the students of Cedar Hills Elementary School.

A Gathering of Eagles

Speaker asks adult Eagle Scouts to help Scouting's new generation

Story and Photos By Jeff Hilton
Staff Writer

"It's time to repay our debt... to give our time, our resources." With those words former CIA Director and current National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) President Bob Gates invited a crowd of adult Eagle Scouts to remember success they derived from the Eagle Scout experience of their youth and forge new bonds with today's Scouts in Northeast Florida.

Gates addressed a Gathering of Eagles at the River Cove Officers Club April 8 with the purpose of helping the North Florida chapter of NESA. The new chapter's primary goal is to enlist adult Eagles to serve Scouting.

Since being chartered by Congress in 1910 more than one million Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Young men who make Eagle often succeed in life ... in history-making fashion. Visit America's past and you will see Eagle Scouts who became astronauts, business tycoons, naval officers, Olympians and surgeons. President Gerald Ford was an Eagle before he served in the Navy during World War II.

NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer Capt. Stephen Turcotte opened the event. He welcomed Gates and about 100 adult Eagles. Turcotte was praised by North Florida Scout Council President, Judge Gerald Tjoflat for his support Scouting by host-



Rear Adm. Ed Hunter



NESA President Bob Gates

ing Armed Forces Day Scout Blast, the NAS Jacksonville annual Scout weekend and open house.

Retired Navy Capt. Bill McCamy, adult Eagle Scout and former Naval Base Jacksonville chief of staff, coordinated the gathering. He introduced Rear Adm. Edward Hunter, commander, Naval Surface Group Two from Mayport.

Hunter shared his memories of scouting and making Eagle in 1963 when he lived in Charlotte, N.C. He said those experiences continue to serve him today, "I enjoyed it every step of the way." Before assuming his present job, Hunter commanded Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill. where civilians begin the process of becoming Sailors. Emphasizing the value of Scouting to the boot camp experience, Hunter said recruits with Scouting backgrounds, "were already 10 steps ahead to being great Sailors."

Boy Scout makes historical trail

By JO2 Eric Clay
Staff writer

As part of meeting the requirements for making Eagle Scout, Bobby Futch, a member of Boy Scout Troop 131, North Florida Council, decided on a civic project to secure a historical designation for one of NAS Jacksonville's nature trails.

To do so he had to meet numerous requirements including the organizing of fellow troop members to erect signs along the route describing various natural points

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Futch (left) helps fellow Boy Scouts level one of the many nature trail signs.

Hey, Money Man!



Hey, MoneyMan!

My credit union keeps goofing up my checkbook.

Every time I get a statement there is something wrong. My buddy says they messed up his checkbook so badly that he closed his checking account and pays everything in cash.

That seems risky to me, but do you think that is a good idea?

MoneyMan Sez:

No. Bad idea! My recommendation is to learn to balance your checkbook. That is easier said than done.

Stop by your bank or credit union and learn about any of the fees they may charge or any minimum balance requirements.

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When you get your statement, take a few minutes to look it over. There should be an explanation for every deposit and withdrawal.

When in doubt, call your credit union and have them help you "fix the problem" before it becomes a major one.

Take time to learn about checks and checking accounts. It will be time well spent!

More Questions? Call Hey MoneyMan! at 778-0353.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NAS Jacksonville will host a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the River Cove Officers' Club. The guest speaker will be Rep. Ander Crenshaw. Tickets for the luncheon are \$8.50. For more information, call 542-2766 ext. 30.

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce is holding its Military Appreciation Luncheon May 30 in the ballroom of the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at noon. The featured guest speaker will be the Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark. Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased at Commander Navy Region Southeast RCMC Office and NAS Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport CMC Offices.

The NAS Jacksonville Fleet and Family Support Center offers numerous workshops for military members and their families. Programs include Life Skill Education, Deployment Support, Parenting, Children and Adolescent-Teens, The Navy Family Ombudsman, Family Advocacy Prevention, Transition Assistance, Financial Education and Spouse Employment Assistance Career Development Resource. For a full list-

ing of upcoming classes, dates and times, call the FFSC at 542-2766.

The Navy Wives Club of America, NWCA Jax #86, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in Building 612 on Jason Street, NAS Jax. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information call 772-0242 or President Barbara Howard at 471-1444.

The American Red Cross is offering several training courses during April for people interested in participating in Red Cross disaster operations. All disaster training is free. The following courses are offered: Shelter Operations: April 24, 6-9 p.m. Mass Care Overview: April 25, 6-9 p.m. DHS Overview: April 26, 6-9 p.m. Family Services: Emergency Assistance: April 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Introduction to Disaster Services is a prerequisite for all disaster training classes. To register or for further information call 358-8091 ext. 1826 or 1-888-8HELP4U.

Upcoming Florida Theatre Performing Arts Center concerts include Avalon Contemporary Christian Rock

Scout: Project benefits NAS Jax

of interest along the trail.

"Becoming an Eagle Scout will allow me to grow into a productive adult," Futch said. He decided on this project after reading a historical trail book. His project first had to be approved by his troop scoutmaster and his troop committee.

The project had to be beneficial to the community without being directly connected to the Boy Scouts, showing that Futch had leadership skills.

Three months of planning and a lot of politics made Futch's vision happen. Futch had to petition the Historical Trail System of Florida. As a result of this experience, Futch says he "realizes that politics play a major role in any project."

The whole project has taken about six months, including the planning stages and the actual hands-on hard work. He organized 40 different volunteers, who put 500 man-hours into the project. Futch said he thanks his entire family

for their support. That includes his father, ATCS (AW) Ralph Futch of Patrol Squadron (VP) 16, his mother Christie, sister Hillary and grandfather Quincy Taylor.

Futch did this civic project with the Scout oath in mind, "On my honor to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. Futch said, "I believe the oath should play a important part in an Eagle Scout's life."

In order to become an Eagle Scout, Futch also had to achieve a number of merit badges required by the Boy Scouts of America. They were camping, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communication, emergency preparedness, environmental science, family life, first aid, hiking, lifesaving, personal fitness, personal management, swimming, and cycling.

April 19 and Bruce Hornsby April 27. For information call the Box Office at 355-2787.

The regular monthly meeting of Branch 26, Fleet Reserve Association will be held on April 19 at the branch home, 7673 Blanding Blvd. at 8 p.m. All active duty and/or retired enlisted personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and enlisted Reserve personnel are invited to join Branch 126 and attend the meetings. For information call 771-2936.

The United States Naval Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, Md., will host its 53rd annual symposium and reunion April 20 and 21. The first day of the event begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Technical symposiums will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Naval Test Wing Atlantic will hold its awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The day's activities end with a station tour at 4:30 p.m. and "fly-in" social at 5 p.m. Reunion activities April 21 include sporting and social events beginning at 9 a.m. and a reception at 7 p.m. Alumni who haven't been in contact with the school are asked to send their current mailing addresses to: U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, 22783 Cedar Point Road, Patuxent River, MD 20670-1160. Alumni may also call 301-757-5013 or 301-342-4131. For more information, contact reunion coordinators Lt. Cmdr. Al Holtslander at 301-757-

5027 or e-mail at holtslaneca@navair.navy.mil or Richard Greenleaf at 301-757-5018 or email at greenleafrr@navair.navy.mil. You may locate our web site at 222.usntps.navy.mil or email the school at tpsinfo@navair.navy.mil.

The Mayor's victim Assistance Advisory Council announces the following Victim's Rights Week events, April 22-28:

Victim Awareness Resource Fair at the Avenues Mall - April 22-25

Annual Victims' Rights Week Awards Luncheon & Seminar at the Adam's Mark Hotel - April 26 - (Luncheon 12 p.m. / Seminar 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Victim/Survivor Tribute at Friendship Park - April 27, 6 p.m.

Reach for the Stars Cosmic Concert (fundraiser) at MOSH - April 27, 7:30 p.m. Call 630-6300.

Organizers of the 9th Annual World of Nations Celebration are looking for multi-cultural organizations to participate in this year's Celebration. The City of Jacksonville invites all such Jacksonville groups to participate in the Celebration, April 26, 27 and 28 at Metropolitan Park. Each "country's" pavilion is organized by one of Jacksonville's multicultural clubs or organizations. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 630-3690 or events@coj.net.

'Tridents' recognized for superior performance

By Lt.j.g Jack McKechnie
HS-3 PAO

Several of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 3's Sailors were recognized for exceptional dedication and professionalism during HS-3's Quarters last week:

AM3 Jacob Peitso was selected "Junior 'Trident'" of the Month because of his outstanding performance returning aircraft to operational status. As a result of his sustained superior work, the Line Division has remained extremely effective in providing safe daily and turnaround inspections, ensuring mission ready aircraft in support of flight operations. Peitso also received a command

letter of appreciation for his demonstration of initiative and skill preparing multiple aircraft for the squadron's Aircraft Material Condition Inspection (AMCI), contributing to the squadron's grade of "Outstanding".

AE2 Alan Bjerke and AE3 Scenery Beier were awarded command Letters of Appreciation for spearheading the repair of over 250 electrical discrepancies in preparation for AMCI.

AMAN Timothy Stohman was awarded a command Letter of Commendation for displaying exceptional initiative and ability by superbly and enthusiastically performing 1st Lieutenant Division duties and TAD assignments onboard the USS Enterprise

(CVN-65). His efforts in maintaining squadron spaces and berthing compartments significantly contributed to the squadron's readiness and morale.

AM3 Peter Bradac received a command Letter of Commendation because of his demonstration of technical expertise while performing maintenance on six H-60F/H Helicopters. His management of the individual material readiness list, support equipment and hazardous material programs resulted in overall grades of "outstanding" on six major inspections enabling the command to receive two consecutive CHSWL Maintenance trophies.

AM3 James Gibson was presented a command Letter of Commendation for

preparing aircraft for an ASPA inspection. He assisted in correcting over 120 discrepancies. His efforts resulted in an "outstanding" grade in the inspection.

AM2 Walter Edwards was given a command Letter of Commendation for correcting numerous discrepancies on several helicopters.

Lt. Michael Klinke received a Flag Letter of Commendation for his assistance in the rescue of three civilians from a capsized sailboat off the coast of South Carolina. His performance as co-pilot of Troubleshooter 616 demonstrated exceptional professionalism.

Brazo Zulu to these "Tridents" for their outstanding effort and dedication!

VOLUNTEER OPS

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, NAS Jacksonville, seeks volunteers.

Make a difference! Since 1904, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has been there to help Sailors, Marines and their families in times of personal emergency. You'll even be reimbursed for childcare and commuting expenses.

NMCRS, NAS Jacksonville, needs office personnel, caseworkers, volunteer administrators, receptionists, budget for baby instructors, as well as other important jobs. NMCRS is located in the Fleet and Family Support

Center, Bldg. 876, and is open Mondays - Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call with any questions or to sign up to help out with this worthy cause.

For more information, call 542-3515/3191.

Learning for Life - April 2 - 30.

The Learning for Life staff is looking for volunteers to help with instruction on fishing, teambuilding activities, nature hikes and outdoor cooking, among others. Learning for Life is a character education program for children and participants will be 5th graders from various area schools.

Volunteer hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day at Camp Echocotee (Boy Scout Camp) off of Doctor's Lake Drive. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch and t-shirt.

For more information on the program go to <http://www.learning-for-life.org/>.

The Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony Association - April 21-May 13.

The Guild seeks volunteer hosts for their showhouse located in Queens Harbor (near Atlantic and Hodges Boulevards).

Two shifts are available throughout the week from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Shifts are also open for 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 2:30 - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

American Cancer Society's

Relay For Life - April 20, 21 and May 11, 12.

Join the American Cancer Society and cancer survivors April 20-21, 2001 at Ed White High School or May 11-12, 2001 at FCCJ North Campus.

Help in the fight against cancer by forming a team to walk or run the track during this exciting 24-hour relay event, and have a blast! Other volunteer opportunities are also available.

No minimum age requirement for relay participants. Minimum age for volunteers is 14. A great group or family opportunity!

NAVY NEWS

Navy chief petty officer killed in JTF-FA helicopter crash

WASHINGTON (NWS) — A Navy chief petty officer was killed April 7 along with six other U.S. troops and nine Vietnamese civilians when their Russian MI-17 helicopter crashed into a mountain in central Vietnam.

HMC Pedro J. Gonzales, of the Consolidated Divers Unit in San Diego, was part of a team on a recovery mission with the U.S. Pacific Command's Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA), an operation to identify and recover unaccounted-for Americans lost during the Vietnam War.

Other Americans killed in the crash were: Army Lt. Col. Rennie M. Cory Jr., commander, detachment 2, JTF-FA; Army Lt. Col. George D. Martin III, incoming commander; Air Force Maj. Charles E. Lewis, deputy commander; Army Sgt. 1st Class Tommy J. Murphy, mortuary affairs team sergeant, Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii; and Air Force Master Sgt. Steven L. Moser and Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Flynn, linguists. U.S. Pacific Command officials

in Hawaii released the names April 9.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld noted this accident marked the first loss of life of U.S. and Vietnamese personnel since joint teams started searching for remains of missing U.S. servicemen in 1985. "We've recovered and identified the remains of more than 600 Americans and continue to search for those still missing in Southeast Asia," Rumsfeld said.

Calling the work of JTF-FA, Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii and their Vietnamese counterparts, "a noble calling," Rumsfeld said the joint teams have maintained a remarkable safety record. "To the families of those whose loved ones have yet to be accounted for, be assured that our mission will continue, even in the face of this tragedy," Rumsfeld said.

MCPON, Fleet Master Chiefs go world-wide with Sailors

WASHINGTON (NWS) — The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) and Fleet Master Chiefs want Navy families to know what's

going on in their Navy. To make it happen, they're going directly to the waterfront. LIFELines is sponsoring the live, televised broadcast of "MCPON, Fleet Master Chief, Worldwide All Hands Call - 2001" Tuesday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m., EDT. (NAS Jacksonville will broadcast this event on Channel 56.) The Naval Media Center and its "Navy Live" mobile TV broadcast facility will produce the program from the largest naval base in the world, Naval Station Norfolk, Va. USS Bataan (LHD 5) crewmembers and their families will host the master chiefs on board for the show.

One of the driving factors to take the show Navy-wide was "message alignment," one of the CNO's "Top Five" priorities. In this case, alignment refers to the CNO's efforts to direct, or align, the words that Navy leadership wants to get to the fleet. "Our Navy is going through an incredible amount of change and it's affecting virtually every aspect of life for Navy families," explained MCPON(SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt. "The Sailors and their families are our top priority and this is a great way to keep them abreast of the sweeping changes we're going through."

Taking questions during the show with Herdt will be FLTMC(SS) Tom Hefty from the Atlantic Fleet,

FLTMC(SW/AW) Rod Rodriguez from the Pacific Fleet, and FLTMC(SW/AW) Bob Hallstein from U.S. Naval Forces Europe. The 90-minute show will be 30 minutes longer than last year's show because of the overwhelming response to the first program. It will air on Direct to Sailor (DTS) television, various video teleconference sites, and many local base and community cable stations, as well as streamed live on the Internet.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark is encouraging Navy commands to incorporate the show into their general military training wherever feasible. LIFELines is sponsoring the information opportunity for the second year in a row. "LIFELines is happy to provide this great service for Navy families around the world," explained LIFELines spokesman, Capt. William Hendrix. "Providing this type of information for families is exactly why we exist — to make the service that Navy families commit to a little bit easier."

Producers encourage Sailors and their spouses to forward questions for the master chiefs in advance. Submit questions by going to <http://www.lifelines2000.org> and following links to the broadcast, or e-mailing their questions to p00dal@bupers.navy.mil. They will also be able to call in their questions live during the show.

Jax Tales

By Mike Jones - mikejones43@hotmail.com



'Topcat' in the Spotlight: AZAN Megan Henry

By Lt. j.g. Josh Keever
VS-31 PAO

AZAN Megan Henry was born in Tucson Ariz. Her mother, Susan Guire, resides in ShowLow Ariz. and works for Cellular One. Her father, Robert Reddick, manages his own construction company and lives in Tucson, Ariz. Henry has one sister, Erin, 19, who also lives in Tucson. She is a 1997 honor roll graduate of Blue Ridge High School.

Henry joined the Navy in 1997 and went to boot camp in Great Lakes Ill. Henry went on to Airman Apprenticeship school. Following school, she received orders to Rota, Spain. While in Spain she worked at the Fleet Mail Center as a postal clerk and volunteered with the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention program at the Family Service Center. Henry enjoyed touring Spain and making new friends.

She received orders to Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31 after her tour in Spain. Henry made her first cruise with the "Topcats" onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-68) in 2000 and was the first female assigned to the "Topcat"

Line Shack. Henry qualified as a Plane Captain during the cruise and is working night shift for in Maintenance Control.

Henry plans on attending the University of Arizona and pursuing a degree in dentistry. She would like to work for Southwest Airlines as a crew scheduler to finance her way through college.

Off duty, she enjoys spending time with friends and going to the beach or pool. We congratulate Airman Henry as this week's "Topcat" in the Spotlight.



AZAN Megan Henry

'Topcats' sweep Viking East awards

By Lt. Michael Higgins
VS-31

Last month the "Topcats" of Sea Control Squadron (VS) 31 won more awards and proved that they were once again the top squadron by winning more awards than anyone else during Viking Week Competition. Traditionally, the competition during Viking Week is where the rubber meets the road. These are events where squadrons have to prove they can get the job done and get it done right the first time.

During the Viking Wolfhunt simulator competition Lt. Cmdr. Mark Williams, Lt. Rod Lucas and Lt. Tom Conroe employed the S-3B weapons in a comprehensive scenario encompassing Anti-Surface, Anti-Submarine and Electronic Warfare missions. They located, identified and struck numerous targets faster than every other participant to win First Place Top Honors.

The "Topcats" also walked away with the Bombing Derby trophy during the multi-squadron competition. During this event the "Topcat" Maintenance Department provided an S-3B Viking jet with a flawless weapon system to Lt. Cmdr. Bill "BENE" Suggs and Lt. Rod Lucas. The crew flew a low-level route with precision and struck the bullseye at Rod-

man target complex more accurately and closest to the prescribed time on target.

At the Viking Ball "Topcats" received numerous awards. Lt. Cmdr. Bill Suggs received the Senior Naval Flight Officer of the year award for 2000 due to his outstanding leadership and repeated tactical excellence.

Lt. Chris Marrs was named Junior NFO of the year for his tactical innovation while utilizing the S-3B weapon system during deployment and during the highly successful VS-31 SLAM det in Point Mugu.

Lt. Scott Josselyn won the Viking Community EW award for his leadership in S-3B post mission software development and overall tactical excellence.

VS-31 won the CSCWL nomination for ISBELL Trophy for best performance in ASW throughout 2000. This is a testament to "Topcat" ingenuity in flawlessly demonstrating the S-3B residual ASW capability all over the world in 2000.

Cmdr. Jim Gregorski, "Topcat" Commanding Officer, commented on how proud he was of the squadron and the members that won individual awards. "Effectively employing the Viking weapons system is our charter. It's what VS-31 has always been all about. If the balloon goes up, the "Topcats" have proven once again, they can get the job done."

NAS Jax to observe Earth Day

By JO2 Eric Clay
Staff Writer

NAS Jacksonville will observe Earth Day on April 21. On Saturday NAS Jacksonville will be participating in Earth Day activities at the Jacksonville Landing from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Volunteers will be representing the Navy at a booth.

Earth Day began in the United States in 1969, when U.S. Senator Gaylord A. Nelson suggested that a day should be held on college campuses to promote environmental education. Denis Hayes, an environmentalist, led hundreds of students in planning and organizing the first earth day. March 21, 1970 Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev signed the proclamation, which initiated the worldwide celebration. April 22, 1970 about 20 million people participated in the original Earth Day. This event helped alert people to the dangers of pollution and



Hazardous waste: Paint, cleaners and lubricants should be properly stored.



This six-foot American alligator is protected by NAS Jax's water boundaries.



Wendy Wassell holds a corn snake saved from a construction site.



NAS Jax's Recycling Center is here for your recycling needs.



The golf course provides a clean, safe haven for nesting cranes.

started a new environmental movement. There are many ways to observe Earth Day. Also in 1970, the Clean Air Act was passed by Congress which limited the pollution that cars, utilities and industries could release. Other new environmental laws soon followed.

One of the many ways you can help safeguard our environment is to dis-

pose of home hazardous waste (HHW). Contact the City Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF), 2675 Commonwealth Ave., (phone - 387-8847) for information. The

HHWF operates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Sundays and Holidays. Household waste that will be accepted are paints, paint thinner, used oil, automobile fluids, gasoline solvents, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, spot removers, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, furniture and metal polish, rechargeable nickel cadmium and lithium batteries, mercury, flares, ammunition, fire extinguishers, small propane tanks and acid batteries. These items are normally found at home, but not inclusive. If in doubt or if you feel an item is harmful call 387-8847 or 665-4482.

Recycling can be a big part of saving the earth and a way for you to help prevent further damage to the Earth. "Duval County is ranked second in the state for recycling," said Andrew Fairbanks, a representative from the city's recycling center. The US leads the world in waste production. Each individual discards 3.6 pounds of trash each day. There are many reasons to recycle. Glass recycling requires less energy than making from sand. Also, steel is less expensive than mining ore and steel can be 100 percent recycled almost indefinitely. Aluminum is 20 percent cheaper to recycle than to make from scratch, and requires 5 percent of the energy. Plastic soft-drink bottles can be recycled into jacket liners, pillows, car interiors, or even bottles. By recycling just one-third of his or her waste, a 20-year-old person could save over 12 tons of garbage from landfills in a lifetime. Fairbanks said, "While recycling, according to

some critics, doesn't pay, but waste management is our responsibility," Fairbanks added, "Until recently, we have taken for granted ecological cost of consumption and waste."

Another one of the many ways to observe Earth Day is to lower air pollution caused by motor vehicles. Car-pooling is a way to stop air pollution and the waste of gasoline. You may think about alternative means of transportation like mass transit, walking, riding a bicycle, shop by Internet or telecommute.

If you must drive, there are ways of keeping pollution to a minimum. You can accelerate gradually, use cruise control, obey speed limits, combine errands into one trip, and proper maintenance of vehicle can also help. Using any of these means of alternative transportation can cut down the number of motor vehicles on the roads and highways and lower air pollution.

Dave Pipkin (Air Programs Manager) said, "the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation are currently identifying and evaluating transportation improvements for all of Duval, Clay and St. Johns County. One of the goals is to minimize adverse transportation related impacts to the environment by reducing current levels of energy consumption and mobile source emissions."

Water conservation is a resource in our environment that needs to have every one's attention. Droughts and our growing population are depleting water resources. We can do one thing each day to save water, even though the savings are at a minimum every drop counts. You should follow all water conservation restrictions that are in effect in your area. Also you should make sure your children are aware of the need to conserve water. Watering your lawn everyday and washing clothes with less than a full load will decrease our water supply.

Composting can also help the Earth. Grass trimmings, tree limbs, food waste and all backyard organic waste can be put into a compost unit. Composting is basically the recycling of plants and waste into healthy planting soil. If 20 percent or more of households practiced composting, they would save the government the cost of waste disposal. Let alone protect the Earth from needless landfills.

For more information on Earth Day volunteer events, contact Sherri Akens at 542-5380.

Other local events planned on and around Earth Day are an Owl Prowl at Hanna Park, a Spring Wildflower Walk at the Arlington Lions Club Park and a Snake Walk and talk at 7000 Roosevelt Blvd. on Monday, April 23.



Fireman Apprentice Jason Moffit bundles recycled cardboard boxes at the NAS Jax recycling center.



AMH3 John D. Tomlinson disposes of hazardous waste.



Photo by HM3 Erica Rodriguez

Career Day - HM2 Scott Morgan, a biomedical photographer explains his field of expertise to HM3 Lynette Lavery and HM3 Trishonya McMikell during Naval Hospital Jacksonville's Career Day recently. Organized by the hospital's career counselors, the annual event helps to promote Navy retention and career enhancement.

Retail pharmacies can fill TRICARE prescriptions

Civilian pharmacies that are approved by TRICARE are known as "retail network pharmacies."

To locate TRICARE retail network pharmacies in your area, directories are available online. Visit http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/retail_network.htm and click on the state of Florida to get to your TRICARE region and the location of the nearest retail network pharmacy.

To use a retail network pharmacy, you must present your written prescription, along with your military identification card.

If you have difficulties getting your prescriptions filled at a TRICARE re-

tail network pharmacy, contact the TRICARE Service Center located at 1210 Kingsley Ave., Suite 1, Orange Park, Fla., or by calling 1-800-444-5445, or contact the Beneficiary Counseling Assistance and Coordinator (BCAC) at Naval Hospital Jacksonville by calling 542-9164.

You can also access a complete list of TRICARE Service Centers online at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare-servicecenters/default.cfm> and a BCAC directory is also available online at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/update_bcac_dir.doc.

For more information, call 1-877-363-6337.

VP-45: 'Pelicans' visit Cedar Hills

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students, faculty and VP-45 volunteers moved into the classrooms. There, the "Pelicans" introduced Cedar Hills' book of the month, "Rechanka's Eggs," by Patricia Polacco and read while the students listened attentively. Over the course of the next hour, the volunteers interacted with their young audiences by sharing stories and answering questions. The children were captivated as the "Pelican" volunteers brought to life the many adventures lived out by the

squadron during their most recent deployment to Sigonella, Italy.

From the classrooms, the students moved next to the cafeteria for an all hands video and slideshow presentation put on by the "Pelicans." The presentation started with a short music video of a "Pelican" aircrew briefing, starting engines, and conducting a mission in Sigonella, Italy.

Following the video, the "Pelicans" gave a short narration during a slideshow presentation that explained VP squadron life on deployment, dis-

Military engineers award scholarship

By Ensign Shawn M. Rockwell

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is a nonprofit professional engineer organization, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. with posts worldwide. SAME has engaged military and federal government engineers with private sector engineers to improve its profession in America since 1920. The Society has some 25,000 members from industry, the military, government and academia. SAME brings professional engineers and those in engineering-related fields together to the engineering capabilities of the nation.

During this year's Engineers Week (a professional engineering exchange hosted by several local-engineering societies) SAME's Jacksonville Post provided scholarships to local college and high school students. The five Engineer's Week scholarship presentations sponsored by SAME were valued at \$5,500 and promoted this year's national theme; Proud Heritage, Promising Future.

Every year scholarships are presented to military personnel (active duty or retired), their family members and college students active in Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs. Last year the Jacksonville Post presented over

\$14,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and college students. SAME's Jacksonville Post holds an annual golf tournament to raise scholarship funds. As a participant in the Navy's Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP) and SAME scholarship recipient, I know how helpful this assistance can be.

SAME also presented an Enlisted Personnel Engineering Achievement Award at the Engineer's Week banquet. This annual award is made by the Jacksonville Post to an active duty or reserve member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard serving in a military construction or base maintenance position. It recognizes outstanding contributions to National Defense by enlisted personnel in the Jacksonville Post area. This year's recipient was SWC(SCW) James Robbins with Naval Construction Battalion Unit Four One Zero (CBU 410) at NAS Jacksonville.

The Society of American Military Engineer's, Jacksonville Post takes great pleasure in rewarding military engineers like Robbins.

If you are interested in contributing to the Jacksonville Post Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament or would like to join SAME you can find more information at www.same.org/jacksonville.

cussed the geography of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding area, and emphasized the meaning of teamwork and dedication to goals. VP-45 concluded their presentation by answering a wide array of questions from students and faculty alike.

The "Pelicans" reiterated the excitement and pride felt by each volunteer at being given the opportunity to work so closely with the school. The children were responsive to the sincerity and mentorship of each member of the "Pelican" team.

VP-45 once made a promise to forge a strong relationship with the children of Cedar Hills Elementary School.

Four years later, the mighty Pelicans have continued their endeavor to remain a committed "partner in education" with their young friends. Future events with the school include a Junior Achievement Day, family reading night, a static display, and an essay contest. VP-45 is proud to be able to give a little something back to the community.

Each member of the mighty "Pelican" team is certain that this sort of contribution will make a positive impact on the children of Cedar Hills Elementary School as well as on the future of our great nation.

Pelican Pride!

MWR NOTES

Liberty Events

Free 9-Ball Tournament and Pizza-Thursdays, April 26

Pizza and tournament sign-up begins at 6 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. The first place winner receives \$30.

Coming over Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-28: Key West. Look for details in this column or call Jaimie at 542-3491 or email her at dbuddock@nasjax.navy.mil.

8-Ball Tourney and Subs Wednesdays, May 2

Free subs and free tournament sign-up at 6 p.m. and play at 7 p.m. First place receives \$30.

Sun Splash Barracks Bash-Wednesdays, May 9

3:30-7:30 p.m. between barracks 822 and 846. Free dinner, DJ, giveaways, inflatable pedestal joust and bungee run.

Trips open to active duty and guests 18 and over, tournaments open to active duty only. For more information, call 542-3491/1335.

Free Movies

Free movies are shown in the Base Theater located on Jason Street every Friday at 7 p.m. and every other Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m. Movies are open to all. Bring your own snacks, no alcohol please and please do not leave children under 18 unattended.

Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m.-*Scary Movie* rated R

Saturday, April 21 at 5 p.m.-*Meet the Parents* rated PG-13

Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m.-*Final Destination* rated R

Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m.-*Exorcist 2000* rated R

Mother's Day Brunch

Come join us to celebrate mother's at

a Mother's Day Brunch to be held at the River's Cove Officers' Club on May 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All hands are invited to attend. Cost is \$12.95 per person, \$6.50 for children 4-12 and free for ages 3 and under. Reservations are required. Please call 542-3041 for more information or to make reservations.

Mulligan's

Mulligan's Cinco de Mayo Party will be held on Friday, May 4 with the festivities kicking off at 4 p.m. Enjoy games, prizes, beverage specials, music and more. Come dressed for the occasion and win a prize! Please call 542-2936 for more information.

Yesterday's Café

Yesterday's Café is a step back in time to the 50's era with tunes on the jukebox and handmade milkshakes. The Café is located in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue and is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April's specials are: Monday-Chicken Tenders, fries, and drink \$4

Tuesday-Spicy Chicken Sandwich, fries and drink \$4

Wednesday-Country Fried Steak Sandwich, soup, chips and drink \$4.

Thursday-Slice of Pepperoni Pizza \$1.50

Friday-Fried Fish Sandwich, soup, chips and drink \$4

Budweiser Brew House: 542-5009

The Brew House is a full family dining facility located in The Zone on the corner of Jason Street and Saratoga Avenue. The Brew House has two for one specials every Tuesday, come on in and see the line up. Enjoy live entertainment starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20.

Bambino's Call 542-3900 for free on-base delivery.

Bambino's is your headquarters for food delivery on base and is running a Wednesday buy one pizza get the second one for half price special after 2 p.m. Delivery ends at 8:30 p.m. However, pick-up of our delicious pizza and subs is available from 8:30-10 p.m. in the Brew House.

Outdoor Pool

Make a splash this season and hold your party of function at the Outdoor Pool Complex. Reservations are first come, first serve. Call 542-3239/2930 and ask for Aquatics today to get your desired date. The cost, which includes certified lifeguards, is \$75 for the first 2 hours and \$25 for additional hours.

Memorial Day Party-Outdoor Pool Season Kick Off will be Monday, May 28 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be a live Caribbean Band, games, softball, horseshoes, and many other outdoor activities to start the summer season. Food and beverages will be available. Call 542-2930/3239 for more information.

CPO Club: 542-3461

Enjoy social hour every Wednesday and Friday with free munchies and beverage specials. On Fridays enjoy live entertainment.

The Zone

Looking for a place to hold a function, meeting or event? The Zone has two catering rooms available, call 542-3521 for details.

Youth, Teen events

Registration for Summer Camp at NAS Jax Youth Center and Yellow Water Youth Center will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Make sure to have all your paperwork complete before registration starts. For information, call 777-9772.

Mondays:

The Ultimate Journey: A Boys and Girls Club Program that Youth Activities is starting. Teens will be exploring the outdoors to learn about plant and

animal life while participating in games, crafts and fun.

This program will also reinforce math and science skills as well as gaining an understanding of how humans affect the environment.

April 23-Hang-Out

April 30-The Ultimate Journey

Wednesdays:

April 25-Snack Attack

Fridays:

April 27-Karakoe Night \$1

Events are from 6:15-8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All trips require a power of attorney. For more information on Teen Events or to give us ideas call Mary Brannan at 778-9772. Mary is dedicated to creating a positive environment for teens. Spread the news on all the great activities and events planned for teens at NAS Jacksonville. Call 778-9772.

Yellow Water Activities

Disney on Ice Trip-Friday, April 20 for \$20 per person, fun for the whole family. Deadline to sign up is 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 11.

Kid's Late Nighter-Friday, April 27 from 7-10 p.m. Children ages K-9 years old will enjoy crafts, games, prizes, and late night snacks for only \$5 per person. Register by 6 p.m., April 25.

Dance Classes-Ballet and Tap is taught every Saturday at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. Dance classes are open to ages 3 and up and the monthly fee is \$25 per student and \$20 per each additional student in the same household.

ITT is now open at Yellow Water Youth Center. Come by the Center and purchase your discounted tickets to one of the many choices. We have the same tickets as the NAS Jax office or we can get it within 24 hours. ITT is open Monday-Friday from noon-6 p.m.

For more information, call 777-8247.

The MWR website is moving. Now you can check out all the latest and greatest of MWR by visiting www.nas-jax.navy.mil and clicking on the MWR link.

Battle of Midway 5K Race slated

A 5K race will be held at 11:30 a.m. aboard NAS Jacksonville on Wednesday, May 30, in commemoration of the Battle of Midway. The race will begin south of the BOQ on Patrol Road, following a course down that road and back.

Registration forms are available at the Fitness Source (Building 867) or Base Gym (Building 614) located on NAS Jacksonville. The race is open to military and civilian person-

nel; there is no entry fee. The first 100 to register will receive a free Battle of Midway 5K Run commemorative T-shirt.

Late registration will take place up until race time. The race starts at 11:30 a.m. with an awards ceremony following. Awards will be presented for the top three male and female finishers.

For additional race information contact Barbara Millhollan, NAS

Fitness Director, at 542-3518 (dmillhol@nasjax.navy.mil).

Starting the race and assisting in the presentation of awards will be James H. Cunningham, Jr., a Battle of Midway veteran and retired Navy Chief. Recipient of the Purple Heart and five Battle Stars, he was serving aboard the USS Hammann when it was sunk at Midway.

The Battle of Midway, which took place June 4 to 7, 1942, was the turn-

ing point of WW II in the Pacific. Veterans of this epic battle are being honored in annual remembrances. A Battle of Midway Memorial Dinner is being held June 1 at the Radisson Hotel on Jacksonville's Southbank.

The purpose of the Midway celebration is to give all personnel time to pause and reflect upon this important event in naval history.

NAS JAX SPORTING NEWS

Officials and scorekeepers needed

The North Florida Military Officials Association is looking for individuals to officiate soccer, softball, football, and volleyball at NAS Jax. Scorekeepers are also needed for basketball and softball leagues. Experience is not required. If you are interested in officiating or scorekeeping, contact Al Vandercar at 282-0809.

Women's softball coach needed

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced individuals who would be interested in coaching the women's varsity softball team. The varsity team represents NAS Jax in community and regional level tournaments. Military and civilian personnel are eligible to coach the varsity teams. Contact Bill Bonser.

Women's softball players wanted

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is looking for experienced women's softball players to represent NAS Jax in the local community and in regional military tournaments. Active duty, dependents over 18, retirees, and civilian employees assigned to NAS Jax are eligible for the women's team. If you are interested in being a member of the NAS Jax varsity sports program, contact the NAS Jax Athletics Department.

Ultimate Frisbee League forming

The NAS Jax Athletic Department is forming a new Ultimate Frisbee league. The league is open to NAS Jax active duty only. Personnel interested in joining the league should contact the gym.

Intramural Skeet League forming

The Intramural Skeet League is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. All interested personnel should stop by the gym to get the

required paperwork to join the league.

NAS hosting Spring Fling Singles Tennis Tournament

The NAS Jax Athletic Department will hold a free tennis tournament at the Birmingham Tennis Courts Monday, April 30 at 4 p.m. for all authorized gym patrons. There will be a men's and women's division. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Call NAS Jax Athletics to sign up before April 26.

3 on 3 Sand Volleyball League meeting

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The meeting will be held at the Gymnasium on Friday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and to get the required paperwork to join the league.

Intramural Golf League meeting

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel and is a Captain's Cup event. The meeting will be held on the deck outside Mulligan's Wednesday, May 16 at 11:30 a.m. All team captains should attend the meeting to discuss rules and register in the league.

Summer Basketball League meeting

The league is open to all NAS Jax active duty personnel. The meeting will be held at the Gymnasium on Friday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. All interested personnel should attend the meeting to discuss rules and register in the league.

For more information about any of the sports articles, call Bill Bonser, Sports Coordinator or Mike Gorman, Athletic Director at 542-2930/3239 or e-mail us at dbonser@nasjax.navy.mil or dgorman@nasjax.navy.mil. Visit MWR online at www.nasjax.navy.mil/mwr.

Standings

Open Softball League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Beef O Brady's	8	1
Backwater	8	1
Geico Chiefs	5	3
The Bombers	4	4
VP-30 FRS	1	8
NLMOF	0	9

Intramural Soccer League

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Points</u>
VP-30 Students	8	1	0	17
HS-15	8	0	1	16
NavHosp	6	1	2	13
VP-30 O's	5	0	4	10
VS-30	4	0	5	8
VP-45	2	0	6	4